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Spring/Summer Activities Aplenty in Beautiful Orwigsburg

On the Move ... Paving, Lights, & ADA Ramps

It's once again spring time. Here's a brief update on borough projects that will be starting and also a few suggestions to get out there and enjoy the nicer weather.



BUDDY TOUCHINSKY
Council President

The most visible and largest project scheduled for the summer will be the repaving of both South Warren and South Wayne streets. The Borough will solicit bids with expectations for completion by the end of the summer.

Also, a streets project paid and coordinated by PennDOT will install mandatory handicap curb ramps at intersections on Market and North Washington streets as a follow

up to the new paving completed two summers ago.

The borough website and Facebook page will post notices regarding both these projects so you know where and when the construction will be taking place.

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Memorial Hall Event

Orwigsburg Borough's Veterans Community Memorial Hall, 300 Grove Street, will be the site of a breakfast and program welcoming Secretary Dennis M. Davin, head of the state Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED).

The event on Thursday, June 2 is being coordinated by the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with state Sen. David Argall, and state Representatives Neal Goodman, Jerry Knowles, and Mike Tobash. The Borough of Orwigsburg is sponsoring the breakfast beginning at 7:45 a.m.

The state DCED has been a major partner with the Veterans Memorial Taskforce and fund donors, both large and small, from the greater community in helping to renovate and transform the Memorial Hall facility.

Reservations are required for the event at a cost of \$20 for Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce members and \$25 for non-members. Deadline for reservations is Friday, May 27 by contacting the chamber office at 570-622-1942 or online at www.schuylkillchamber.com



DENNIS DAVIN
DCED Secretary

SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS

Sat., May 21 – Community Yard Sale; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wed., May 25 – History of Schuylkill/Berks Canals program at the Orwigsburg Historical Society; 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 30 – All are invited to enjoy a free Patriotic Concert held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 31 – Parade/Service/BBQ; It's a "Decoration Day" tradition in Orwigsburg! Honor all fallen military service personnel, veterans, and those presently serving this country with the Memorial Day parade beginning at 8 a.m. followed by the service "on the square." Then enjoy a chicken barbeque dinner at the Veterans Memorial Hall from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., June 11 – Children's Fishing Rodeo at Fisher's Dam; starts 9 a.m. each day; children 15 and under

Sunday, June 12 – Scout Hall Open House, 91 E. Independence St.; 3 to 5 p.m.

Thurs., June 23 – OBPA Square Time "June Jamboree" held "on the square" from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Thurs., August 4 – OBPA Square Time "Family Fun Fest" on Centre Square; 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Fri. & Sat., Sept 9-10 – Heritage Day Celebration; Friday evening @ Seton Manor; Saturday "On the Square"

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Orwigsburg Borough Council meets the First and Second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, second floor of the Orwigsburg Municipal Building, 209 North Warren Street.

Both meetings are open to the public. A Work Session for discussions and setting of an agenda takes place on the First Wednesday; the Business Meeting is then held on the Second Wednesday.

OFFICIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Orwigsburg Borough offices will be closed on the following days in 2016 in observance of the stated holidays – New Year's Day, Jan. 1; Good Friday, March 25; Memorial Day, May 30; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, September 5; Thanksgiving, Nov. 24 and 25; Christmas eve and day, Dec. 23 and 26.

Council President

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Energy efficiency at no cost

Here's a bright idea! With longer daylight hours during the summer, street lights turn on at a later hour. This summer when they do, they'll be new and improved!

The Borough is working with PPL to upgrade our current street lamps. Contractors will soon begin work replacing 149 lights throughout the Borough.

The current lights are more than ten years old and utilize an older lamp. PPL is providing all new energy-efficient LED fixtures at no charge to the Borough.

Enjoy the summer and the Borough

Last up, I want to encourage everyone to get outdoors and enjoy the many recreational areas and activities we have in-and-around the Borough.

Catch a baseball or softball game at the Memorial complex ... and from there, take a walk up through Albright's Woods and around the elementary and middle school complex. With the new sidewalk along Lawrence Street, you can walk from the schools to Market Street and then head uptown towards the square.

If you have children to entertain, there are several playgrounds throughout the Borough – at Albright's Woods, on Walborn Avenue, and at Blue Mountain Elementary East – that provide a variety of play options for the little ones.

Mark your calendar for the Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association events taking place throughout the summer. The Chad Reinert Concert kicked off the season and Square Time events are on the horizon.

There will be many other opportunities to get out and enjoy the community with events hosted by various organizations, including the churches, library, historical society, and Team Orwigsburg to name only a few.

Finally, don't forget the Blue Mountain Recreation Commission. View its website at www.bluemountain-rec.com for recreation and supervised playground information. Many programs are offered for adults of all ages in addition to youngsters and teens. Discount tickets for regional amusement parks and other attractions can be purchased at the Rec. Commission office located adjacent to Blue Mountain Elementary East building and the sports fields.

– Buddy Touchinsky, Council President

SPREAD THE WORD

Interested in submitting an article for next quarter's issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings*? We welcome community service and non-profit organization information. Please contact Kathi Mengle at 570-366-3103 or kathi@orwigsburg.net

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Proclamation from the Orwigsburg Mayor

Challenging Goals & Quality Effort – Do the Right Thing!

Citizens and friends of Orwigsburg, greetings! I'm fond of opening more than a few conversations with observations of the weather. Please accept my apologies, but it's a reflexive topic for me, given my day trade.



BARRY J. BERGER
Mayor

So, it looks like that easy winter is carrying through the spring season and may be aiming us at a hot summer. Remember last year? That's how they get those "average" numbers we never seem to get to experience.

A few days ago I saw an item in the "This Day in History" column of the paper noting the 100-and-something anniversary of Teddy Roosevelt's "Man in the Arena" address. I think it is one of most inspirational statements ever delivered. It is well worth the effort to secure and read this piece of advice.

Though too long to quote here in its entirety, the gist of it is that those who set challenging goals and try their hardest to achieve them are, even if they fail, far more valuable to humanity than those who sit on the sidelines doing nothing or, worse, criticizing the

efforts of the motivated.

I feel the positive energy developed through our attempts to reach higher ground pull everything and everybody along with the effort. We may not get all the way right away, but we'll definitely be much further along in a much quicker manner.

Our community is blessed to have many citizens who "strive valiantly" whether as individuals or as members of various groups. We are all fortunate to benefit from their perseverance.

I also came across a quote attributed to Henry Ford – "Quality means doing it right when no one is looking." Now, I'm not trying to start a vehicular brand brouhaha as you may or may not agree with Mr. Ford's right to claim high ground. But you really can't argue with the premise of the statement.

In fact, most of society's desirable attributes are dependent on each of us doing the right thing on our own. I'm proud to say that Orwigsburg's citizenry has maintained its high level of civic quality by doing its natural best to do right, without regard to the pressures of outside influences. It is my hope that we can maintain that standard far into our future.

– Barry J. Berger, Mayor

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Scout Hall / Troop 624 – Open House June 12

A three-year construction addition to Scout Hall, 91 E. Independence St., doubled the size of the structure and completed a remodel of the original space.

The project was made possible through fundraising events over many years, monetary donations from businesses and individuals through a capital campaign, and in-kind donations of time, equipment, and materials by local contractors. Larger level donors have been honored with a plaque or with engraved bricks comprising the new entrance porch to the hall.

The expansion and remodeling project added a large meeting/activity room, scoutmaster office, handicap accessible restroom, kitchen, and informal meeting area.



REMODELED ENTRANCE to Scout Hall includes a porch with engraved bricks recognizing donors and this 7,320 lb. memorial stone.



MEMBERS OF TROOP 624 now have a large, modern meeting room for their activities.

Now it is time to celebrate completion of the project, to thank everyone who made it possible, and to invite the public to tour the building.

An Open House is planned for Sunday, June 12. Project VIPs and special guests are invited to a private tour and reception at 2 p.m. followed by a Grand Opening for the public from 3 to 5 p.m. All are cordially invited to attend the Open House.

Scout Hall, built in the 1950s, is owned by The Orwigsburg Boy's Club Home Association, Inc., the sponsoring organization and chartered partner for Orwigsburg Boy Scout Troop 624. Forty-one boys are current members of Troop 624.

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Postal food collection

Orwigsburg's letter carriers will pick up non-perishable foods and canned items on Saturday, May 14 as part of the annual Postal Workers Food Drive, benefiting the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry.



The pantry continues to fulfill an ever-increasing demand to assist families and individuals with basic food needs. Supplies are low right now and in need of community help. If this newsletter comes too late to get your donation ready for your letter carrier, items can be dropped off directly to the pantry, housed at St. John's United Church of Christ, East Market St.

Protecting the water we use

The Orwigsburg Municipal Waterworks (OMW) utilizes local groundwater wells to provide safe, clean drinking water to its residents.

In an effort to protect drinking water sources and keep it safe and clean, OMW is working with the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to develop a Source Water Protection Plan against sources of contamination. The plan is a voluntary program that will help ensure the quality of our groundwater for future years.

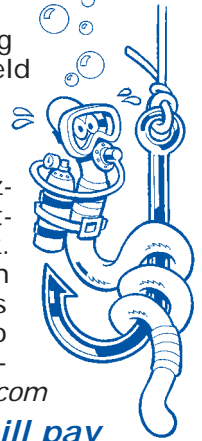
In the event of an accident or spill that has the potential to impact our water supplies, OMW will initiate its Emergency Response Plan (ERP) to minimize

any potential impacts. This plan includes emergency contacts and provisions for alternate sources of water. OMW will work closely with local and county first responders in the event of a spill or accident that may threaten the water supply.

If you have questions concerning the Orwigsburg Source Water Protection Plan, contact Dave Teter at 570-657-0115 or email dave@orwigsburg.net.

Fishing Rodeo

The 26th annual Orwigsburg Children's Fishing Rodeo will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 11-12 for children 15 and under, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Fisher's Dam will be stocked with fish and there will be prizes for tagged fish. Each child participating will receive a hot dog and drink. The existence of this rodeo relies on donations from community members and local businesses. For more info and to donate call Nicole at 570-640-6905 or Email orwigsburgfish@yahoo.com



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As this newsletter is being published, the due date for quarterly utility bills is fast approaching. It is the responsibility of all property owners to pay their bills in full by the due date printed on the invoice.

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The Borough utilizes the services of MuniCIPAY with Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, or e-check. A user fee of 2.45% or \$3, whichever is greater, will be assessed per transaction. The fee for e-check is \$1.50.

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Customers may continue to pay by cash, check or money order at the Borough Office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additionally, checks may be mailed to Orwigsburg Borough, 209 North Warren Street, Orwigsburg, PA 17961, or deposited in our 24/7 drop-off box located at the front door to the Borough Office.

Questions concerning our new payment options

YARD SALE SAT., MAY 21



Uptown, downtown, all around the town every resident or business is encouraged to have a yard sale as part of the fifth annual Orwigsburg Community Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Due to advance planning and promotion, the show will go on rain or shine.

Want to get rid of some old gems, participate in a community event and earn a little extra money? Put your sale on the map! Register now by calling Orwigsburg Borough Hall at 570-366-3103 or email Michele Rudloff at rudloff1313@comcast.net.

The Borough will publish a list of participants and a map to indicate which residents will be hosting yard sales that day, making it available on the borough's website: www.orwigsburg.net and on Facebook.

may be directed to kathi@orwigsburg.net or call 570-366-3103.

Historical society programs

The Orwigsburg Historical Society announces upcoming programs in its Tracing Local History series. All of these events are free, open to the public, and will take place at the society headquarters and museum. Refreshments and fellowship follow the presentations.

Wednesday, May 25 – Glenn Wenrich, a canal historian and resident of Berks County, will present a program focusing on the Schuylkill Navigation Company and the History of Canals in Schuylkill and Berks counties. This 7 p.m. talk follows the development of canals from Schuylkill County to Philadelphia, tracing their “heyday” and their eventual demise.

Wednesday, Sept. 28 – Auctioneer and historian, Raymond Stump, will present his knowledge on the History of Public Auctions. American auctions trace back to the pilgrims’ arrival on eastern shores in the

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R&J TOURS – 2016 HAPPENINGS

May 28 – Fleet Week @ Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum	**\$ 61
June 9 – Sands Casino \$35 FSP	(Orwigsburg Pickup) \$ 25
June 11 – St. Michael's, MD Free Day	\$ 52
June 12 – Turning Stone Casino (1 Night)	DBL \$177
June 15 – “Jukebox Heroes Live” @ Hunterdon Hills (Full Course Meal)	\$ 85
June 17 – Cape May Point & Dolphin Watch Cruise	**\$ 79
June 18 – Gourmet Food Shopping	\$ 41
June 18 – Doo Wop Cavalcade @ American Music Theatre	\$ 70
June 19 – All Rhode Island (3 Nights)	DBL \$578
June 21 – Old & Moo Tour & Farm of the Future	**\$ 91
June 25 – Ocean City, NJ Free Day	\$ 45
June 29 – Mohegan Sun Casino, Pocono Downs (\$25 FSP, \$5 Food Voucher)	\$ 26
July 2 – One World Trade Center Observatory	**\$ 98
July 2 – Phillies vs Kansas City (Game time 5:50 p.m.) Fireworks Night	\$ 65
July 6 – Washington DC Free Day	\$ 44
July 9 – “Finding Neverland” on Broadway	\$155
July 9 – Wildwood, NJ Free Day	\$ 51
July 13 – “Mary Poppins” @ Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre	**\$ 77
July 13 – National Zoo, Washington, DC	\$ 44
July 14 – Sands Casino \$35 FSP	(Orwigsburg Pickup) \$ 25
July 16 – “Rock, Roll & Soul” @ Hunterdon Hills Playhouse (Full Course Meal)	\$ 88
July 21 – Banquet in a Corn Field	**\$ 97
Aug 3 – New York Spectacular, Starring The Rocketts	\$108
Aug 5 – “SAMSON” @ Sight and Sound Theatre (No Meal)	**\$78

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1600s and continued in popularity during colonization. Attendees are encouraged to bring artifacts and photos purchased at auction or from their personal collections.

In addition to these special programs, the Orwigsburg Historical Society members meet on the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. Residents and visitors interested in the society are also welcome.

Team Orwigsburg on a mission

Faith-based Team Orwigsburg has just returned from a week-long trip to Crisfield, Md., a small community in the southern part of the state hit hard four years ago by Hurricane Sandy. The team also volunteers locally with many Schuylkill County projects throughout the year.

This was the fourth trip to Crisfield with the team's mission to "help heal hearts and homes." Fourteen volunteers over the course of one week completed three roof replacements, did roof repairs to another home, installed a new kitchen and reduced mold in a recent widow's home, and installed 21 new windows in two other homes.

Team leader Susan McCartney says the team

always returns home feeling wonderful about how many lives they've been able to touch. But more importantly, the team learns by sharing love, supplies, food and talents with those who often have simply given up hope due to dire circumstances.

Residents of Applewood Apartments are treated to a home-cooked meal prepared by team members and served in their community room on the third Thursday each month at 5 p.m. All are invited.

Team Orwigsburg meetings are held the first Monday each month at Salem UM Church beginning at 7 p.m. New faces are always welcome.

Recycling electronics

Discarded desktop and laptop computers, monitors, computer peripherals, televisions, and most other electronic devices are forbidden from going to landfills and MUST be recycled with special handling.



Orwigsburg Borough's refuse/recycling contractor, County Waste, will not take these devices. Residents are required to store all unwanted electronics until the Schuylkill County Fall Cleanup and Recycling event held each September.

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- Temporary tub hand rail
- Recliner chair with auto-lift seat



The Orwigsburg Lions' "Health Equipment Loan Program" provides these items to local residents at no charge as a community service. To arrange a loan, call Larry Dagna at 570-617-6149 or Walt Schimpf as a secondary contact at 570-366-0784 or call 570-449-0659 and leave a message.

Large item disposal

One large item may be placed at the curb beside your regular trash once per month.

Regular trash consists of up to six bags of garbage and up to ten bags of leaves. Residents should place trash at the curb any time after 6 p.m. on evenings prior to collection. Because pickup times vary, do not

wait until the morning of collection to place garbage.

Construction materials (shingles, drywall, cabinets, insulation, etc.) may not be placed at the curb with your regular trash. You must get a dumpster which can be leased from the borough's trash collector, County Waste, at 570-874-3047.

Getting the word out

We use the Borough website www.orwigsburg.net as a valuable tool to keep residents and property owners informed about the happenings in the Borough. Our staff will keep the home page current with news on upcoming events and information on past events in the Borough.

The website lists borough meeting schedules. Minutes from these meetings are posted after they have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate

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ate body. The subdivision and zoning codes are also available for all to view. Numerous forms can be accessed, including applications for Albright's Woods usage. Trash day pickup changes will also be posted. Links to other websites, such as the Lions Club, library, churches and fire company are on the website.

The website also includes a link allowing residents to enter their contact information into the borough's Swiftreach 911 emergency notification system. This site allows the Borough to notify residents via tele-

Swiftreach 911 Data Update Form

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Address: _____

Tel: _____ Cell: _____

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Email Address: _____

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phone, text message and email of boil water advisories, weather emergencies or any other emergencies in a prompt manner.

Curb your animal

Borough Ordinance 299 prohibits pet owners from allowing their pets to defecate on another property without removing the feces from that property. Those violating this ordinance can be fined up to \$600.

Many residents take advantage of the parks and walking trail and are discouraged by the lack of consideration shown by some pet owners.

**ANIMAL WASTE
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& Clean Up
After Your Pet**

Meter reading

Many water meters are read from a remote reading register attached to the building and connected to the meter. Borough Ordinance 310 requires these units be accessible to the Borough. Landscaping around your remote reading register needs to be maintained so as to not restrict free access.

Dumpster? You need a permit

Any resident who rents a dumpster and places it on the street is required to fill out a dumpster permit prior to dumpster delivery.

Permits are available at the borough office at a cost of \$5. The permit is good for three weeks; another permit is required for additional time.

Four (4) reflectors are required on each side of the dumpster, and dumpster wheels must be placed on 3/4" thick pieces of wood so as not to damage the road surface.



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Take care of your property

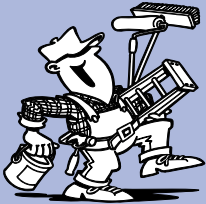
Property owners must keep all premises and exterior property free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 6 inches. All noxious weeds are prohibited.

Weeds are defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term does not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

The property owner must also maintain weeds appearing between sidewalk blocks and between the curb and the street.



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Albright's Woods

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Proper disposal of Old Glory

Used flags may be brought to the borough office for proper disposal. Place flags inside the designated mailbox-like container in front of the borough building.



Help us help you

It shall be the responsibility of property owners
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in the Orwigsburg Borough to number their buildings. The number needs to be placed over/under each front door, or front transom bar or glass or front show window, over or on either side of the entrance or upon

a permanent standard, base or support between building and street. The number is to be of paint, metal, enamel, plastic, or other weather resistant material and at least three inches in height, the color of the numbers to be

in contrast to the immediate background, and shall be so placed as to be in full view and legible from the street. No numbers shall be covered with any sign, drapery, or other obstruction and all old numbers shall be removed when a new number is assigned.

Call before you dig!

Contractors, service companies, or do-it-yourself property owners must call 8-1-1 before disturbing the ground in and around their property. Planting a tree? Building a deck? Installing a fence or even as simple as a mailbox, plan your project in



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

advance and call the alert number several days before starting any digging project.

Tell the operator where you're planning to dig. Your affected local utility companies will be notified about your intent to dig and will send locators to your dig site to mark the approximate location of buried lines with flags or paint.

Street sweeping

In preparation for Memorial Day celebrations the borough will be out sweeping the winter gunk and grime from our streets May 24 and 25. Streets will be posted by the borough.

State property tax, rent rebates

Forms to apply for Pennsylvania's Property Tax/

Lions Glasses Dropbox



A special dropbox for eyeglass recycling is located at Heiser's True Value Hardware Store, 715 West Market Street, Orwigsburg.

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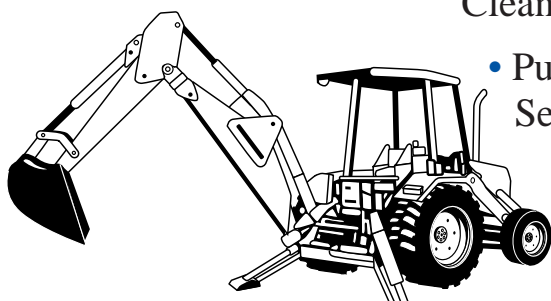
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Rent Rebate Program for 2015 are still available at the kiosk inside at the Orwigsburg Municipal Office, 209 N. Warren Street between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Forms are also available by calling Rep. Jerry Knowles' Tamaqua office at 570-668-1240.

Eligible residents or property owners can receive a rebate of up to \$650 based on their rent or property taxes paid in 2015. The program benefits Pennsylvanians who are 65 years or older, widows and widowers 50 years or older, and those 18 years or older with disabilities.

Income limits for homeowners are set at the following levels, excluding 50 percent of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and Railroad Retirement Tier 1 benefits:

- \$0 to \$8,000, maximum \$650 rebate (homeowners or renters)
- \$8,001 to \$15,000, maximum \$500 rebate (homeowners or renters)
- \$15,001 to \$18,000, maximum \$300 rebate (homeowners only)
- \$18,001 to \$35,000, maximum \$250 rebate (homeowners only)

This rebate program is one of many initiatives supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery. Residents are reminded to provide all the necessary income, property tax or rental information required to process

claims quickly and accurately. Applications are due by June 30.

Owner/tenant forms

Reminder to all landlords: Orwigsburg Borough Ordinance #396 requires that every owner/lessor of any apartment, house or other type of rental building shall register with the Borough every year. If any tenant moves from the dwelling during the year, the owner shall notify the Borough within thirty (30) days of said changes. Forms are available at the borough office or from the borough website.

In addition, landlords living in excess of 20 miles from the Borough must designate a local manager for the property. This individual must live within 10 miles of the borough.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Wednesday of the Month

Borough Council Work Session @ 7:30 p.m.

2nd Wednesday of the Month

Borough Council Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

3rd Wednesday of the Month

Planning & Zoning Commission @ 7:30 p.m.

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Shaded days are trash collection days

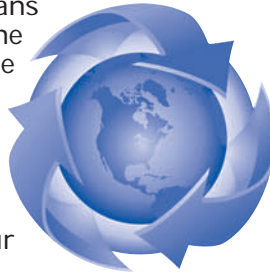
Tuesdays – Market Street and north; Fridays – south of Market Street

Large item collection, once per month

Convenient, single-stream curbside recycling is available to residents every two weeks on the designated trash pickup day. Recyclables should be separated from other household trash and placed in the container provided by the Borough and County Waste, or in a container of the property owner's choice clearly designated for recycling.

Single-stream recycling means items can be co-mingled in one container/recycle bin without the need for separation.

Materials for recycling are collected curbside every two weeks on your designated trash pickup day (see calendar schedule above). Simply place your



recycling bin beside your other trash containers and yard waste.

Use the following guidelines to prepare recyclables for pickup:

- Newspapers and mixed paper should be bundled or placed in a paper or clear plastic bag in order to keep them secure.
- Cardboard should be flattened and bundled.
- Take steps to ensure paper, cardboard and plastic, etc. do not blow around to neighboring properties or streets.
- Glass food and beverage containers are recyclable and include items such as glass soda, beer, wine, liquor, ketchup or juice bottles, and glass food containers. Metal caps and lids should be removed, but labels can remain.



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News Submittals

Nonprofit and community organizations within the Borough are invited to submit news items for consideration. Written submittals must be received by Kathi Mengle in the borough offices, kathi@orwigsburg.net or call 570-366-3103 for info, three weeks prior to the publication date.

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Businesses wishing to reach every household in the Borough of Orwigsburg are invited to advertise in future issues. Contact South Schuylkill Printing & Publishing for more information. Call Barb @ 570-385-3120. All advertisements must be received at least three weeks prior to the publication dates. Ad content is subject to approval and acceptance by the Borough of Orwigsburg.

Single-Stream Recycling

- Glass items such as mirrors, ceramic cups and plates, crystal, clay flower pots, light bulbs, window glass, drinking glass and heat-resistant ovenware are NOT recycled by glass container plants and should not be mixed in with container glass.
- Aluminum beverage cans should be rinsed and crushed. Steel cans need only be rinsed. Leave labels in place.
- Plastic soda bottles and milk jugs should also be rinsed and crushed.
- Be considerate of the streetscape view in your neighborhood; store your recycling container to the side or back of your property or residence.

After following these instructions, combine all materials in one recycling container and place curbside after 6 p.m. the evening before pickup. Recyclables must be in their special container separate from household trash because a separate collection is made.

Given the convenience of single-stream recycling, the number of occupants in your household, and the volume collected for recycling, residents may find the need for a smaller or larger container. The borough has two sizes available.

Contact the Borough Office at 570-366-3103 during phone office hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to arrange for a different recycling container or for additional information.

Single-Stream Recycling



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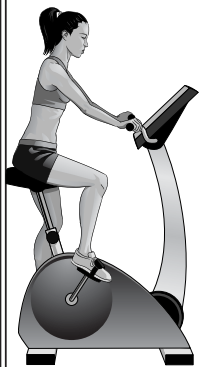


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Under this statute, a dog must be confined within the premises of the owner, secured by collar and chain, or under the reasonable control of a person. Leashes, fences, or even proper training so as to obey the owner's commands are all restraint methods that satisfy this statute.

If your pooch continuously runs amok, you could be subject to a maximum \$500 fine. If your dog is off your property and bites someone, you will be liable for civil penalties and could be charged under another state law "Harboring a Dangerous Dog." The penalties for a conviction under this statute are severe and may require you to have your dog euthanized. We understand how important pets are and we want them to be safe, so please make sure they are restrained.

Enjoy life responsibly

Graduation parties, picnics, and barbecues will now get into full swing on an almost daily basis. Don't drink and drive. Police everywhere are on the lookout for impaired drivers and will have many roving and



stationary DUI checkpoints now through the fall in Schuylkill County. It is much easier and less expensive to simply have a designated driver, call a cab, or phone a friend.

Slow down for safety

Speeding remains an issue in Orwigsburg. Your police department enforces the speed limit as it is able. But, without the help of resident drivers to assure safety for themselves, other drivers, and pedestrians, speeding will continue to be a problem. The speed limit on most streets in town is 25 mph. Please slow down!

**SPEED
LIMIT
25**

Continued training a must

Laws, tactics, and tools of law enforcement are always changing or being updated. What's new today is old tomorrow. Your police officers must stay on top of current practices to remain a first rate department.

In the first half of 2016, we have completed training on Interview and Interrogation; Detective School; Elder Abuse detection; HAZMAT; and Baton, Handcuff, and OC Instructor Certification. These courses help us better serve our community in a time of need.

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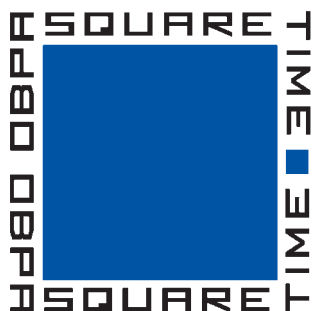
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Need a break? Everyone is invited to take some time to unwind and appreciate our community by attending the events and activities surrounding OBPA's 5th annual Square Time events season. These Thursday evening celebrations – set on our beautiful town square – showcase local businesses, area performers and unique personalities.

Each Square Time event is planned as an all-age friendly evening on the town, offering the perfect chance to get out, enjoy a sense of community, and have great fun with friends and neighbors.

June Jamboree set June 23

Artists of all media will display their talents, visions and creations during the June Jamboree on tap from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, June 23. An art contest for children and young adults is sponsored by The Arts Barn. Meanwhile, wine makers from Red Shale Ridge, Stone Mountain Wine Cellars and Long Trout Winery will allow those of age to sample their fluid fruits.

The Traveling One Man Band, Doug Drost, will

provide the live entertainment and local restaurants will offer up their savory specialties.

Family Fun Fest on August 4

Always a Square Time favorite, Family Fun Fest is featured Thursday, Aug. 4 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. This event delivers fun for all, including family entertainment by Dino Mike, balloon animals and creative face painting with My Creations by Angela, food choices for all ages, children's games and the always popular bounce house.

Heritage Celebration is Sept. 9-10

In addition to the Square Time season, OBPA plays a major role in planning Orwigsburg's annual Heritage Celebration, working closely with the borough and other organizations.

This year the "silver anniversary" of the event jumps to two days, kicking off with a special event Friday evening, Sept. 9 on the Seton Manor grounds. The 25th annual celebration of Orwigsburg's heritage picks up again on Saturday, Sept. 10 and continues throughout the day.

The complete list of events is still a work-in-progress. Creative and community-minded volunteers, willing to help with the planning and staging of this special weekend, are asked to contact OPBA at orwigsburgbusinesspa@gmail.com or 610-462-9167. Membership is not necessary; all volunteers will be welcomed.

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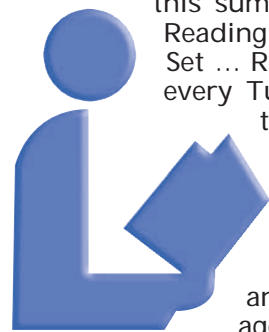
Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library

Have you been to the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library lately? Well, the talk of the town may be the library's eventual move to Independence Square a couple blocks west of its present location; but, that's some time in the future.

Meanwhile, it's "business (and serving the public) as usual." See all that the library can offer. Be part of all that's happening this summer and throughout the year.

For the complete rundown: stop in at 214 E. Independence St.; call 570-366-1638; follow us on Facebook at [OrwigsburgAreaFreePublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/OrwigsburgAreaFreePublicLibrary); or access the library through the borough website at www.orwigsburg.net.

Sign up for Summer Reading!



Wonderful, amazing, and fun things are planned this summer at the library. The Summer Reading Program – On Your Mark ... Get Set ... Read! – with special activities runs every Tuesday at 11 a.m. from June 21 through August 9. Choose from two age groups – under 5 years old and elementary school age.

Wacky Wednesday is back by popular demand. Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. is "Weird and Wacky Science" for elementary age children.



Shhhhhh! Don't tell anyone, but a special Summer Reading Program event is scheduled for Thursday, June 30 at 6 p.m. It's a "Secret Pizza Party" and will feature a storytelling magic show by Mark Piazza.

Parents, introduce your child to the excitement, fantasy, and love of reading. Stop in and register your young reader for the "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program.

So many services offered

What does the library provide Orwigsburg and surrounding municipalities?

- Clubs that meet weekly and monthly. The Orwigsburg Book Club meets the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. discussing new authors, genres and topics. Knitters, crochet and needlework enthusiasts welcome all skill levels to their weekly group meeting Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. Lego builders of all ages gather the second Wednesday each month at 5:30 p.m. to share their creations. Learn and play Mahjongg at 6 p.m. on the first, third, and fifth Wednesdays of the month.
- Story Time. Geared for pre-school age children, a special story hour is planned each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Get those little ones out to socialize through stories, singing, movement, and crafts.

Programs in the works

- Play K – This is a special program for three- to five-year-olds to help prepare them for Kindergarten.
- Math Madness – Special "Math Nights" will get hands on, be fun, strengthen and build skills.

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News from State Rep. Knowles

Legislative Reduction Bill Takes A Step Closer



Representative
Jerry Knowles

Pending legislation that I signed on as a sponsor aims to reduce the size of the state House of Representatives. I'm pleased with the progress the bill is making.

House Bill 153 would reduce the number of seats in the House from 203 seats currently to 151. This legislation passed the state Senate and, for it to take effect, the measure must pass both chambers next session before going to the voters for approval.

First and foremost, I believe the decision to downsize the House should be made by the people of Pennsylvania. I hear all the time about how our government is too big, or it costs too much in taxpayer dollars. That's what this bill is all about – downsizing and streamlining processes to operate more efficiently at a lower cost to taxpayers.

The reduction of members in the state Legislature would require a constitutional amendment. If approved by the voters, it would not be effective until the first legislative session after the 2020 reapportionment.

There is no rhyme or reason to having 203 seats. Actually, the final number was the result of a map-



drawing mistake after the 1968 Constitutional Convention. They just didn't fix the map and settled on 203. That sort of says it all.

Currently, each House member represents approximately 62,000. Under the proposed legislation, each would represent 84,500 residents.

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Whether you are a life-time resident of Orwigsburg or you and your family have recently "adopted" Orwigsburg as your home, it is not difficult to realize why this town holds a special place in all of our hearts.

"Preserving Orwigsburg's Past for Our Future" is a Capital Campaign to raise \$25,000 to help ensure the longevity of the Orwigsburg Historical Society & Museum.

Our most urgent issue is the replacement of a furnace that has ceased to function. The circumstance the society finds itself in is not a question of want, but of sheer necessity as an emergency expense when our coffers are bare. Roof repairs or replacement is another very serious expense that must be dealt with immediately.

In addition to the furnace and roof, future much-needed facility improvements include exterior painting, brick re-pointing, a sprinkler system, and electricity for the "Old Jail."

In 1994 the Orwigsburg Historical Society rescued the original 1891 Friendship Fire Co. building from demolition. Given to the society along with the "Old Jail," it serves as its headquarters, museum, and a community center.

The society is the depository of an ever-expanding archive of historical papers, documents, photographs, genealogical resources, and artifacts. It is truly a "living" piece of history and a priceless part of the Orwigsburg landscape. Since 1994, the society has conducted ongoing fundraising every year. Analysis of recent dire needs, however, has necessitated a Capital Campaign to help pay for these major building-related needs to protect the collection and keep the museum open for public view.

The time is now to assume our responsibility to be vigilant stewards, so that the Orwigsburg Historical Society & Museum will be the legacy we leave to future generations for the preservation of history.

Please consider making a donation so that we may continue our mission! The society is a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Gifts made to the Orwigsburg Historical Society are deductible for federal income tax purposes within the limits of the Internal Revenue Code and, in many cases, will allow the society to receive matching gifts. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Orwigsburg Historical Society 2016-2017 Capital Campaign

All donations will be recognized. Names of donors will be prominently displayed at the society and in all major program/event documents.

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Veterans Community Memorial Hall

Spring has sprung and improvements at the Veterans Community Memorial Hall continue. Facility utilization continues to grow, having accommodated up to four different organizations during a single day in very busy winter and spring seasons.

Trivia Night held in March was a success for the Development Task Force and the community. More than 100 people attended the event, had a great time, and raised funds for the renovations.

Progress update and Vet Honor Roll

Interested public can follow project updates on the new and improved website www.orwigsburgmemorial.com. The front entrance addition that honors all veterans from the greater Orwigsburg area had its polished concrete floor finished. Electrical and HVAC (heating, ventilating, and air conditioning) details are next on the list. If you or your family has information of a veteran not yet identified for the Honor Roll display, complete a form downloadable from the website and submit to Orwigsburg Borough Hall.

The outdoor recreation area between Memorial Hall and the Little League field is being developed with grant funds. The new play structure and swing are on site with local National Guard members lending time and effort to do installation.

A 2015 Keystone Communities Program grant



helps fund sidewalk improvements, stormwater management, and parking lot improvements. A concrete patio and railing will be installed to access the new entrance.

A commercial refrigerator, partially funded by the Orwigsburg Lions Club, was purchased for the kitchen that was also given a fresh coat of paint thanks to volunteer labor. The total commercial kitchen upgrade is a stand-alone project pending needed funding.

Despite needs, facility is ready

Work continues, but will have only limited impact on current utilization. Memorial Hall is scheduled for private meetings, public events, recreational events, parties, private events, and many other social affairs.

If you or your group wants to reserve your date, contact borough secretary Sherry Edwards at Borough Hall to discuss availability and logistics. The Lions will host their annual Memorial Day chicken barbecue at the facility. So, come on out for lunch and take a tour of the facility.

Orwigsburg Borough will host a Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce breakfast on Thursday, June 2 at Memorial Hall featuring the state secretary of DCED, provider of various grants making many of the renovations possible.

Organizations, businesses and individuals have donated to this community center project, but still more funding is necessary to reach the finish line. Donations can be made in all shapes and sizes, in-kind labor and materials. Visit the website or Facebook page to learn more.

– Greg Stewart, President
Veterans Memorial Development Task Force

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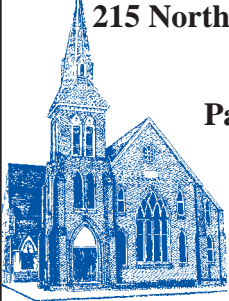
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State Senator David G. Argall

Cost-saving measures/efficiencies for schools and taxpayers

Every year, the state senate focuses on increasing education funding. While very few people are ever opposed to investing more in our children, it is important that we ask the question, "How are our current dollars being spent in our schools?"



**SENATOR
DAVID ARGALL**

My wife and I and our children received a well-rounded local public education so we understand first-hand the importance of ensuring that our schools have an adequate amount of funding in order to best prepare our future generations for success.

One way to increase funding for our local classrooms is to find savings elsewhere. My staff and I are now reviewing a host of suggestions to reduce wasteful spending and inefficiencies in state government in order to put more money into classrooms and into taxpayer pockets. Other ideas – eliminating property taxes and consolidating school health care plans – are being examined.

Senate Resolution 250 tasks the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC) to examine the cost-savings of merging health plans. The com-

mittee reported more than \$200 million could be saved yearly if school districts merged into a statewide health care program, another \$72 million in the first year with a statewide prescription drug benefit plan, and another \$100 million if all districts participated in a health trust/consortium with a statewide insurance pool.

I firmly believe we can find a more equitable way to fund our public schools when eliminating the property tax. The legislature is exploring limiting the growth of property taxes by requiring a public referendum when increasing school property taxes or requiring a unanimous or two-thirds vote of school directors when increasing property taxes.

Thirty-four states already require the public referendum idea.

If any residents have suggestions, I'd love to hear from you! Please email those ideas to dargall@pasen.gov



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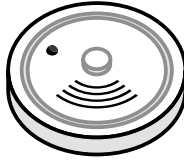
From the Desk of the Fire Chief . . .

Practice Fire Safety with Spring Cleaning

Winter is finally behind us. Thoughts have already turned to cleaning up the yard and making repairs around the house. Remember too, to include these safety tips as part of your spring cleanup:

On the inside of your home

- Clean and test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Vacume around the detectors to keep them dust-free and functioning properly. Replace batteries if needed.
- Check for overloaded outlets and frayed electrical cords. Remove some of the items from overloaded outlets and replace frayed wires immediately.
- Review and practice your family's fire escape plan. Know two exits from each room and have a designated meeting place outside where the family will assemble in the event of an actual fire.
- Remove lint buildup from the clothes dryer vent and from underneath the dryer.
- Clean any grease buildup on the kitchen vent hood.



Don't forget outside your home as well

- Make sure your house number is clearly visible

on the wall next to your front door. Use at least 3" numbers of a color that contrasts with the background.

- Clean-up yard debris and cut back brush to maintain a clear 10-foot fire zone around your house. Remove dried leaves and other combustibles.
- Fuel lawn mowers and power equipment outdoors and only when the motor is cool. Store gasoline only in approved safety cans and in a cool location such as a shed or detached garage. Never store or use gasoline indoors.
- When using ladders, check for safe, stable placement. Keep ladders well clear of overhead obstructions such as wires.

And when you are grilling ...

- Never use any type of grill indoors. It will cause a carbon monoxide hazard.
- Before using a gas grill, check the hose from the tank to the grill for any cracks or leaks.
- Never use a grill under an awning, roof or covered walkway.
- Keep small children away from grills when they are in use.



Lawn mower safety

- Small children should not operate push or riding mowers and should not ride as passengers on riding mowers.
- Keep children indoors or at a safe distance while you are mowing.
- Turn the mower off and allow the engine to cool before refueling.
- Turn off the mower and wait until the blades come to a complete stop before trying to unclog the mower.

– Dave Hardinger, Fire Chief



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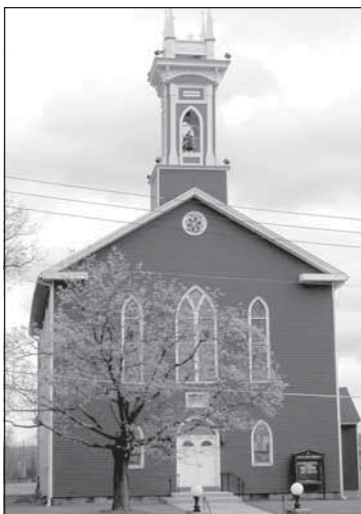
A Town's Spirit Reflected Through Its Churches

Zion's Red Church

Zion's Red Church, 1287 Centre Turnpike (Rt. 61 at Brick Hill Road), is a union congregation of Evangelical Lutheran and United Church of Christ denominations whose members welcome, strengthen, and bless all who enter.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Zion's Red Church! Visit the "new and improved" church website at www.zionsredchurch.org to learn more or call the church office at 570-366-1178. Each Sunday the combined Confirmation Class, replacing the traditional Sunday school, meets at 9:15 a.m. followed by worship at 10:30. Summer worship moves to the middle floor on Sunday, June 19.

Brown Bag Bible Study, currently discussing The Other Gospels by Ehrmann, continues through early June. Pastor Wanda Schwandt is open to suggestions for other topics. Come bring your lunch and enthusiasm to learn more about the Bible and its impact for



our daily lives.

The annual White Elephant & Bake Sale will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, June 11 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Find a large variety of household items, books, children's clothing, and toys ... delicious baked goods ... and raffle baskets, too. When you're finished shopping, stay for lunch. Hot food items will include barbeque and hotdogs plus drinks and snacks will be available.

Zion's Red Church continues to serve the local community through time and financial donations to the Orwigsburg Food Pantry and Schuylkill Women In Crisis.

Kimmels Church

It's that time of year again when the warm weather awakens the imagination and we plan big goals for summer activities. Just as most New Year's resolutions, many well-intended plans of summer do not actually get checked off or make it into the photo albums.

Reality has a way of reminding us that we do not have super human powers. There are still only 24 hours in a day and only seven days a week. No matter how much you try, there is no way to squeeze in the sunrise in the mountains, scuba diving after lunch in the Caribbean, dinner in Paris while working eight hours and still needing to get the kids to their sports practice before bed ... so you can try again tomorrow.

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When dreaming how to fit everything in this summer, here's one glimpse of reality that could be a blessing to you and your family. Kimmels Church and its "church family" are not going anywhere! We'll be here when that trip is postponed and you find yourself still in Schuylkill County when you wanted to be in the Bahamas ... or when that weekend fishing trip is canceled because of weather ... or when, because of finances, the trip out west is pushed back at least one more year.

Please accept this invitation to be our guest on a Sunday morning. Sunday school is at 9 a.m. and our worship service begins at 10 a.m. We would love to have you and your family be a part of our family here at Kimmels Church. Check out our website for more information about our church and all that we have to help your family through the reality of everyday life.

All area children are invited to attend our Vacation Bible School the week of July 17-22. Titled "Submerged," it's an underwater adventure exploring God's Word, even if it's not in the Bahamas. So grab your goggles, step into your flippers, and dive in to



find truth below the surface!

Find out more at www.kimmelschurch.org or phone the church office at 570-943-2759.

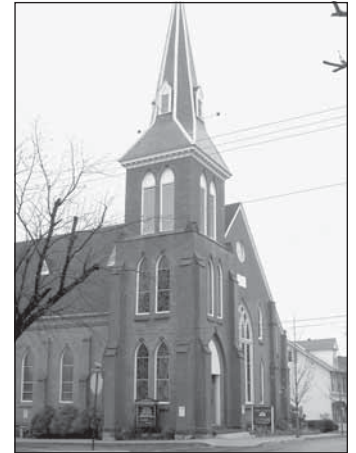
St. Paul's Lutheran

Located at 215 North Warren St. in Orwigsburg, St. Paul's Lutheran Church welcomes all to worship and to be part of the church family. The church office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and can be reached by calling 570-366-2316. Additional information can be obtained at www.stpaulsorwigsburg.org.

Worship services are led by the Rev. Lee A. Diefenderfer, pastor, held each Sunday at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and a Saturday service begins at 5:30 p.m. Sunday school begins at 9:15 a.m.

Summer worship services begin June 18 with the same Saturday service time and only one Sunday service at 9:15 a.m.

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All area children are invited to register for Bear Creek Day Camp being held at St. Paul's the week of June 20-24, each day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Geared for youngsters in kindergarten through fifth grade, this action-packed week of day camp excites young minds about living a life for Christ. Registration deadline is June 15 with forms available at the church office. The cost is just \$25 for the week with need scholarships available.

Salem UM Church

Salem United Methodist Church, where "Liberty meets Independence" at 133 S. Liberty St., Orwigsburg offers three unique worship services each Sunday. A traditional service is held at 8:45 a.m.; a contemporary worship at 10:45 a.m.; and the SNL Coffeehouse at 6:30 p.m. Sunday school for all ages is held at 10 a.m. Children's Choir and Children's Church are held during the 10:45 worship for grades one through five. A nursery is available at 10 a.m. and during the 10:45 worship for infants through five years of age.

The SNL Coffeehouse holds a "Meal and Movie Night" once per month. Many small study groups meet throughout the week with special activities planned monthly. All information concerning church life can be found online at www.SalemUM.com or

call the church office at 570-366-0201 for information.

Upcoming events include: Spring Flower Sale on Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Christmas in July sale on July 9 from 8 a.m. to noon on the parish house porch; Worship in the Woods (Albright's Woods) is Sunday, July 17 at 10:30 a.m. followed by a picnic lunch; Vacation Bible School promises "Deep Sea Discovery" the week of July 18-22 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; annual end-of-summer Community Block Party will be held Sunday, Aug. 28 from 3 to 7 p.m. featuring free food, fun, entertainment and OrWINGSburg chicken wing contest.

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